



**SCOTTSDALE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
VERDE CONFERENCE ROOM
7575 EAST MAIN STREET
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2005**

AMENDED MINUTES AS APPROVED 07/11/05

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: John Tutelman, Chair
Michele Culver, Vice Chair
Marty Gendron, Commissioner
Carol Padwe, Commissioner
Enid Seiden, Commissioner
Aubrey Strickstein, Commissioner
Ted Tyler, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Velicia McMillan, Staff Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tutelman called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. A roll call confirmed the presence of Commissioners as noted above.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

May 9, 2005

Commissioner Tyler noted a correction to page 4 of the May 9, 2005 minutes, where it stated that "Chair Tutelman asked Commissioner Tyler, Vice Chair Culver and Commissioner Gendron to work as a sub-committee." He noted that it should read "Chair Tutelman asked Vice Chair Culver and Commissioner Gendron."

COMMISSIONER PADWE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 9, 2005 MEETING MINUTES, AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TYLER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE (DLA)

Commissioner Gendron addressed the Commission. He reported that Scottsdale is partnering with CDC to sponsor DLA. Commissioner Gendron noted that based on receipt of the briefing from DLA, he assumes that the Commission supports the mission.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of securing a spot for the DLA to present at the Chandler meeting as well as the possibility of setting a date for a state-wide Human Relations Commission meeting, to coincide with the DLA annual conference.

Dr. McMillan undertook to contact the staff liaison at the City of Chandler to have these items added to the agenda. Commissioner Gendron will contact DLA to invite Christine French to present at the next Human Relations Commission regional meeting, which will be held in Chandler in July.

PROMOTING UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE

Commissioner Padwe reported that Mr. Pat Dodds, Director of Community and Public Affairs for the City of Scottsdale, had attended the subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee decided to reach out to three communities: the faith community, the school community and the clubs.

She had been tasked with drafting three letters to each of the target audiences, explaining the Promoting Unity in the Community program. The brochure was in need of rewriting to clarify the message. Dr. McMillan stated that the brochure was a marketing tool to encourage potential applicants to submit applications. Mr. Dodds had also suggested that examples of acceptable projects should be included. A lengthy discussion ensued to define the design and clarify the language/verbage used in the brochures.

Commissioner Gendron presented a straw man of the Promoting Unity guidelines. It was discussed and was to be presented again at the following meeting.

REGIONAL HRC DAY LABORER SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Strickstein reported that the first Regional Day Laborer Forum occurred on June 2nd. The event was sponsored by the City of Chandler. A panel discussion had been held. He and Commissioners Gendron and Tyler attended the forum, along with representatives from other cities. Dr. McMillan distributed copies of the update to City Council members, which mentioned that the Commissioners had attended the forum.

CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

Chair Tutelman noted that he had nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

Commissioner Strickstein talked about a case of alleged discrimination that had been brought to his attention. A citizen from the City of Scottsdale contacted him with some concerns regarding unfair housing practices. He researched the incident with the help of Mary Grace McNear of the City Attorney's office. Commission Members engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the matter. Dr. McMillan commented that City guidelines on staff interactions with citizens clearly state that citizens are to be treated with respect.

Vice Chair Culver reported that she has received many emails following the profile in the paper. She noted a number of inaccuracies in the article.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A-V Tronics, Inc.